

**Senator Paul Sarlo**  
**Senator Loretta Weinberg**  
**Senator Bob Gordon**



# **Bergen County People's Budget Forum**

**Please join us for a special local budget hearing for Bergen County residents**

In these difficult economic times, with massive budget cuts proposed by the Governor, it is more important than ever that you come out, learn the facts and have your voice heard. This forum will provide a great opportunity for you to hear, first hand, how the Governor's proposed cuts in state aid may affect your town, your school district and consequently your property taxes.

We are here to listen and get your feedback so that together we can create a budget that is lean, but fair, and protects the needs of our most vulnerable, particularly seniors and children.

Given the ongoing opportunities for organizations and advocacy groups to voice their opinions at statewide budget hearings, we would like to stress that, while all are welcome to attend this event, the opportunity to voice an opinion will be reserved for individual residents.

We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

<b>Paul Sarlo,</b>	<b>Loretta Weinberg,</b>	<b>Bob Gordon,</b>
Senator	Senator	Senator
36th District	37th District	38th District

## **Did you know ?**

- Governor Christie's proposed budget calls for seniors to pay a \$310 annual deductible for prescription drugs while doubling the cost of co-pays under PAAD.
- Governor Christie has proposed eliminating \$848 million from the state's property tax rebate program and foregoing any rebates until April 2011.
- Governor Christie has proposed an \$820 million cut in school aid, with 27 Bergen districts expected to lose 100% of their aid and 10 expected to lose at least 90%.

**Tues, April 27, 2010**

**7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**Bergen County Academies**  
**The John Greico Auditorium**  
**200 Hackensack Ave.**  
**Hackensack, NJ**

**For maps & directions, [click here](#)**

**For more information:**

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### **Submit Written Testimony**



It's important that your voice be heard! With record crowds showing up for state budget hearings, we invite you to submit written testimony.

This will ensure that we receive your feedback even if you don't have a chance or don't wish to speak publicly at the hearing. If you wish to do so, please bring copies to the hearing.

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